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1. ALL PAPERS LEAD WITH SADAT SPEECH, USUALLY WITH HEADLINES EMPHASIZING VARIOUS POINTS OF PEACE PLAN, ESPECIALLY ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL, AND REPORTED FAVORABLE BUT PRELIMINARY AMERICAN REACTION. HEADLINES IN SOME, ESPECIALLY LEFTIST, PAPERS EMPHASIZE MORE MARTIAL ASPECTS OF SPEECH RELATING TO EXISTENCE OF TRANS-SIANI MISSILES AND REACTION TO US RESUPPLY OF ISRAEL. COVERAGE OF SPEECH GENERALLY REFLECTS ITS MODERATE TONE.

2. MOST PAPERS GIVE PROMINENT PLAY TO DETAILS OF US RESUPPLY OPERATION AND TO SECRETARY'S CLARIFICATION ON MILITARY INTERVENTION. OTHER STORIES INCLUDE LEBANESE PRIMIN'S MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR, COMMUNIQUE FROM LEBANESE "PROGRESSIVE PARTIES AND FORCES" THREATENING TO STRIKE AT U.S. INTERESTS IN ALL PARTS OF ARAB WORLD, PRESIDENT'S COMING MEETING WITH ARAB FONMINS AND USE OF OIL AS POLITICAL WEAPONS, PEACEFUL MARCH ON EMBASSY BY "AMERICANS FOR JUSTICE IN ME.", AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF NOBEL PEACE PRIZE.

3. EDITORIAL COMMENT FOCUSES ON SADAT SPEECH AND ITS IMPLICATIONS. PERHAPS BECAUSE OF MODERATE TONE OF THIS
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SPEECH, ONLY A FEW PAPERS CONTINUE EDITORIAL CALLS FOR ACTION

AGAINST U.S. EDITORIAL COMMENTS FOLLOW IN SEPTTEL (NOTAL).

4. BANNER HEADLINES REELECT NEWS TREATMENT OF SADAT'S SPEECH. LEADING INDEPENDENT ARABIC AN NAHAR: "PRELIMINARY AMERICAN WELCOME FOR EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT'S PROPOSALS AND ISRAELI REJECTION. SADAT'S CONDITIONS FOR JUST PEACE." LEADING INDEPENDENT FRENCH L'ORIENT-LE JOUR: "IN HISTORIC SPEECH ADDRESSED IN PART TO NIXON, SADAT: ' A JUST PEACE, OR WAR TO THE END.' FAVORABLE REACTION IN USA, WHERE SENDING TROOPS TO MIDEAST IS EXCLUDED."

5. PRO-CAIRO AL ANWAR: "SADAT MOVES MISSILES TO SINAI." PRO-CAIRO AL YOUM: "SADAT: WE WILL CONTINUE FIGHT UNTIL LIBERATION."

6. LEFTIST PRO-COMMANDO AL MUHARRIR: "SADAT: AMERICAN SUPPORT DOES NOT FRIGHTEN US. ALL ITS INTERESTS AND RESOURCES ARE IN OUR LAND, NOT IN ISRAEL."

7. INSIDE HEADLINES REFLECT TREATMENT OF ARMS SUPPLY STORY. AN NAHAR: "KISSINGER DENIAL: WE DO NOT INTEND TO SEND AMERICAN FORCES TO MIDEAST. AMERICAN PLANES CARRY ARMS TO ISRAEL." L'ORIENT-LE JOUR: "US AERIAL BRIDGE TO ISRAEL FUNCTIONS AT FULL CAPACITY. NO INTERVENTION OF GI'S EXCEPT IN CASE OF DIRECT SOVIET INTERVENTION." AL MUHARRIR: "500 TONS OF ARMS SHIPPED BY AMERICA TO ISRAEL TO DATE. AMERICAN PLANES LAND AROUND THE CLOCK AT ENEMY AIRPORTS." BUFFUM

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